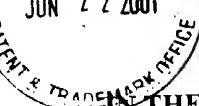


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2000, be extended for a period of three (3) month(s) from March 22, 2001 to and including June 22, 2001.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$435.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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